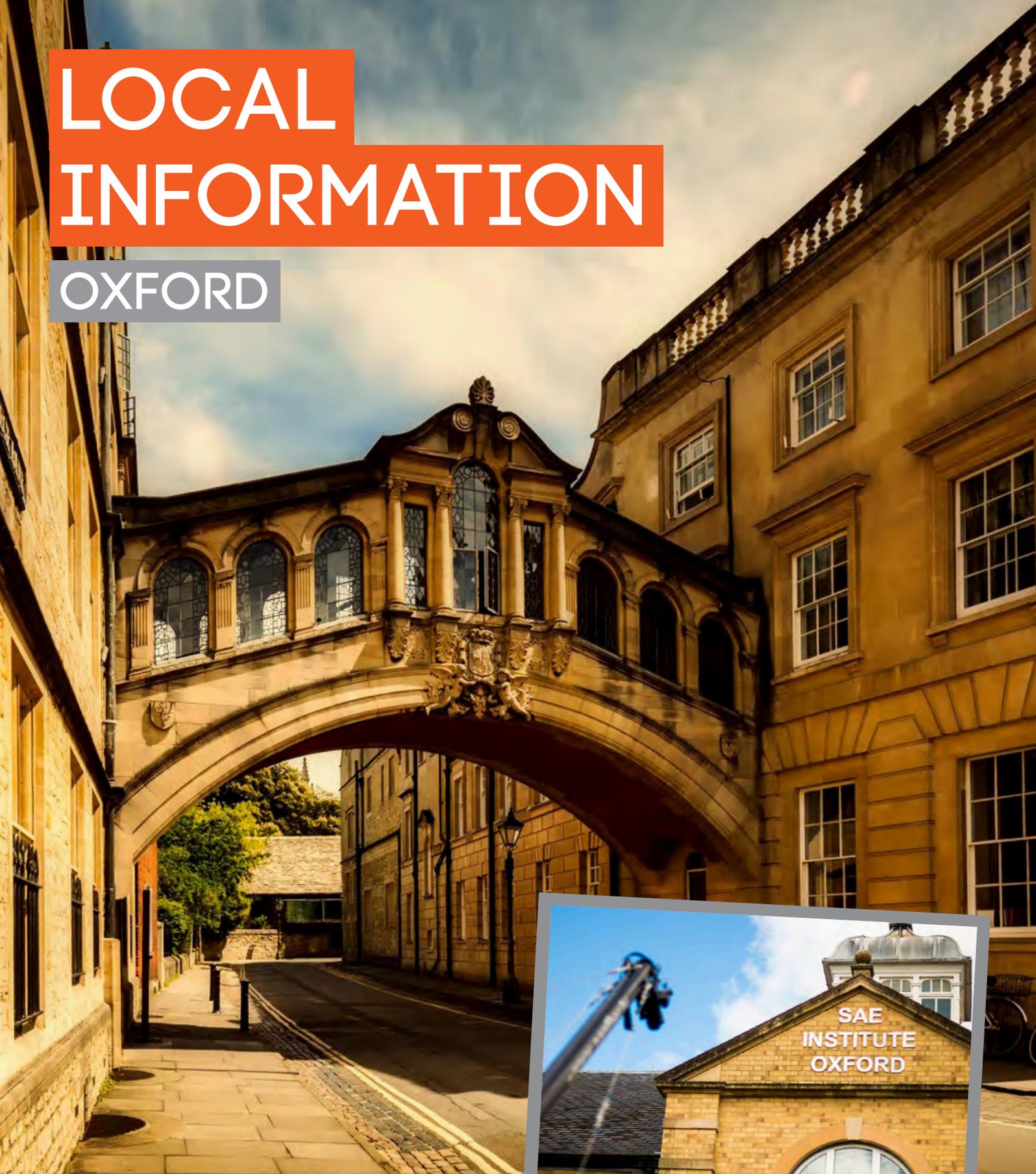


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## Travelling around Oxford

**Oxford is a very easy city to get around, with most places within walking distance of the city centre.**

The SAE Oxford Littlemore campus is well connected, accessible by the 16 or 3A buses. Alternatively, there is ample parking available to students who prefer to drive.

A lot of people choose to cycle when they study in Oxford, and there are a number of bike shops in the city which sell second hand bikes if you want to purchase one when you arrive.

Oxford Pick Me Up is a car-pooling service that is more affordable than taxi travel, and better for the environment too!

### **Oxford taxi companies:**

Royal Cars- 01865 777333

001 Taxis - 01865 240000

Go Green Taxis:  
01865 922222

## Things to do

**See your favourite bands at the Bullingdon Club**

This cosy venue is at the heart of the Oxford live music scene, with regular shows from your favourite indie bands, as well as live DJs and stand-up comedy nights. With 135+ years of history and a choice of over 40 cocktails, as well as wine, craft beer and coffee, seeing a show at this quirky little venue is definitely one to tick off your bucketlist.

Find out more [here](#).

**Support Independent local cinema**

Oxford has lots of cinemas to choose from, with a Curzon in the newly built Westgate centre, two Odeons in the city centre, a

Vue at Ozone Leisure Park as well as other venues such as the independent Ultimate Picture Palace in Cowley or the Phoenix Picturehouse in Jericho.

Down the road from SAE, Friends of Iffley Village host regular screenings at the Church Hall. These are super affordable screenings of films with refreshments included in the ticket price, and their events offer a chance to meet and connect with fellow film lovers.

Find out more [here](#).

**Talk a walk through history with Ashmolean visit**

If you want some inspiration for your next script then why not head down to the Ashmolean, just one of the many museums in Oxford that is full to the brim with curiosities. You don't have to be a history buff to enjoy wandering around the museum, and they have regular art exhibitions as well.

Find out more [here](#).

**Bask in the beauty of the Oxford Botanic Gardens**

Oxford's botanic garden is the oldest in the UK as it was established in 1621, and they have a stunning 130 acres of woodland that

is the perfect place to go if you want some time to think and recharge your batteries.

Find out more [here](#).

## Wellbeing

**Oxford Parkrun**

The Oxford Parkrun is a free scenic 5km run around Cutteslowe and Sunnymead Park, in North Oxford. There are regular bus services to the park, run by the Oxford Bus Company (routes 2, 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D,



7D) and Stagecoach (17, 17A and 17C). It's a great and competitive way to keep fit with friends, or by yourself.

Find out more [here](#).

## Buzz Gym

One of the more affordable gyms for students, Buzz Gym Oxford is located on the roof of the new Westgate Shopping Centre. They have two of every machine so you'll never be stood like a lemon waiting to continue your routine, and they have really friendly staff and enjoyable but intensive classes to keep your fitness levels up.

Find out more [here](#).

## Boating

A fun day out on a sunny day, punting or rowing is a great way of keeping fit as well as a sociable activity with friends. You can rent punts (from £15), rowing boats (from £15), and self-drive motor boats (from £30) from Salters Steamers, near the Head of the River Pub on Folly Bridge.

Find out more [here](#).

## Oxford Ice Rink

The Oxford Ice Rink is a great place to go and 'chill' out, and they have regular student nights as well as a 'Throwback Thursday' disco from 8-10.30pm. Their timetable of sessions is available on their website.

Find out more [here](#).

## Places to drink

### The Eagle and Child

The Eagle and Child is a go-to destination for any bookworms - it was the preferred watering hole of The Inklings (Tolkien, CS Lewis and others) who all met at the pub to mull over manuscripts, including the

first drafts of *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*.

### Opening times:

11.00am - 11.00pm

**Mon, Tues, Weds, Thurs, Fri, Sat**

12.00pm - 10.30pm

**Sun**

Find out more [here](#).

### Big Society

Big Society is a great place to hang out with friends when you want a quiet evening rather than big night out. They have regular pub quizzes on Tuesdays at 7.30pm, and serve amazing burgers and fried chicken. They serve schooners rather than full pints which is why the drinks seem so cheap at first glance - but the atmosphere more than makes up for the missing third of your drink!

### Opening times:

12.00pm - 12.00am

**Mon, Tues, Weds, Thurs, Sun**

12.00pm - 2.00am

**Fri, Sat**

Find out more [here](#).

### Turf Tavern

Known by locals as 'the Turf', Turf Tavern is a historic pub that can take a while to locate at first as it is tucked away in a secret alleyway called Bath Place. You can't really beat drinking in this 18th Century Grade II listed

building or outside under one of the many umbrellas, but be warned - mind your head upon entry!

### Opening times:

11.00am - 11.00pm

**all week**

Find out more [here](#).

### Café Tarifa

Spaniards will feel at home in the comforting surrounds of Café Tarifa on Cowley Road,



which is part of the Café CoCo Group. If the warm decor and sangria wasn't enough to tempt you inside, then they offer a complimentary slice of pizza with every drink purchased from Tuesday to Sunday.

### Opening times:

5.00pm - 12.00am

**Mon, Tues, Weds, Thurs**

5.00pm - 1.00am - **Fri**

10.00am - 1.00am - **Sat**

10.00am - 11.00pm - **Sun**

Find out more [here](#).

## Café Baba

Café Baba is a Moroccan themed cocktail bar at the far end of Cowley Road, who are a student's best friend, with their cheap 2 for 1 cocktails and tapas and regular live music from singers and DJs. The bar is small but cosy, and the staff are some of the friendliest bartenders around.

### Opening times:

5.00pm - 1.30am - **all week**

Find out more [here](#).

## Places to eat

### Campus Cafe

When you are on campus you will be well looked after by Tony, who is on hand to cater to all your breakfast and lunch needs.

### Kazbar

Kazbar serve Spanish/Moroccan tapas dishes in a rustic environment of North African lanterns, kilims and mosaic tables. Their white sangria is exactly what you need on a sunny day, and their live music is not to be missed while you eat. Psst - the patatas bravas is especially good.

### Opening times

5.00pm - 12.00am - **Mon, Tues, Weds, Thurs**

5.00pm - 12.30am - **Fri**

12.00pm - 12.30am - **Sat**

12.00pm - 11.00pm - **Sun**

Find out more [here](#).

## Atomic Burger

This unique burger joint has a special each month with unique flavour combinations - they once put popping candy on a burger! Their pop culture references and quirky decor are the perfect setting in which to

soak up the remnants of your hangover from the day before.

### Opening times:

11.30am - 10.30pm - **all week**

Find out more [here](#).

## La Cucina

Tucked away on St Clements, this family run Italian restaurant is well worth the walk from the city centre. With daytime special menus that are a steal for students, and regular blackboard specials, La Cucina caters for the ordinary and every day right up to your special occasions. They are particularly good at looking after large groups, so if you're craving pizza for your birthday party, say no more - Yola and Alberto have you covered.

### Opening times:

11.00am - 10.30pm - **all week**

Find out more [here](#).

## The Chester Arms

If you fancy a steak then there's no place you'd rather be than at The Chester Arms with a steak platter. Their menu is very reasonably priced for the vast quantity of meat and fries that they serve, especially if you share a platter between 3. Expect to queue if you want Sunday roast. It's not all carnivore-centric at the Chester though, as they have lovely vegetarian platters as well.

### Opening times:

12.00pm - 11.00pm - **Mon, Weds, Thurs, Fri**



5.30pm - 11.00pm - **Tues**

10.00am - 11.00pm - **Sat**

12.00pm - 10.00pm - **Sun**

Kitchen opening times may vary.

Find out more [here](#).

## GLUT

Newly opened by an Oxford local, American-style diner GLUT is located on the bustling George Street, a stone's throw from the train station and is surrounded by lots of chain eateries. Their laid back service and wicked sauces are what set their burgers apart from Byron or GBK, located on the same street.

### Opening times:

12.00pm - 11.00pm - **Mon,**

**Tues, Weds, Sat, Sun**

12.00pm - 12.00am - **Thurs, Fri**

Find out more [here](#).

## Mowgli

Mowgli is a street food dining experience that takes you directly to India. They serve tasty tiffins and grilled dishes, as well as delicious mango lassi. It's student budget friendly, and the tapas style portions are great for sharing if you're the sort of person who can never decide what to order! Located in the Westgate, the decor alone is definitely worth taking a photo 'for the gram'.

### Opening times:

12.00pm - 9.30pm - **Mon, Tues,**

**Weds, Sun**

12.00pm - 10.30pm - **Thurs, Fri, Sat**

Find out more [here](#).

## Best Places To Go Out

### OXO Bar

Located on George Street, the recently renovated OXO Bar is a classy bar where you can catch up with friends with a bespoke crafted cocktail, or enjoy one of over 150 types of gin. Their expert mixologists are

friendly and attentive and they have regular DJ sets, so book a booth and enjoy your evening with friends.

### Opening times:

5.00pm - 12.30am - **Mon, Tues, Weds, Thurs, Sun**

4.30pm - 1.30am - **Fri, Sat**

Find out more [here](#).

## The Varsity Club

This bar-come-club has four floors, and offers a stunning view of the city from its rooftop - the ideal setting to enjoy an Aperol spritz in the sunshine during the day. The first floor bar is open every weekend until late.

### Opening times:

12.00pm - 12.00am - **Mon, Tues, Weds, Thurs, Sun**

12.00pm - 3.00am - **Fri, Sat**

Find out more [here](#).

## Hanks

You'd easily miss it if you weren't looking up, Hanks' bar (formerly Maxwells) on Queen Street is a go-to if you're looking for a night out that extends into the early hours of the morning. The crowd is somewhat eclectic, and some nights are busier than others - but if you go there on a weekend there is a real buzz about the place.

### Opening times:

5.00pm - 3.00am - **Mon, Tues, Weds**

5.00pm - 4.00am - **Thurs, Fri, Sat**

Find out more [here](#).

## Cirkus

Newly opened Cirkus on George Street is where stylish evening bar meets nightclub, mixing circus chic and contemporary kitsch. With just the right amount of flair, and a uniquely decorated dancefloor, club room and VIP space the venue is an up-and-coming favourite with local clubbers.



### Opening times:

7.00pm - 3.00am - **Mon, Tues, Weds, Thurs**

5.00pm - 3.00am - **Fri, Sat**

5.00pm - 2.00am - **Sun**

Find out more [here](#).

### Bridge

Famed for its massive smoking area, The Bridge Bar & Club is known simply as 'Bridge'. The superclub has different zones, including the Main room, the R&B room, the VIP lounge, and 'The Garden'. The most popular student night is 'Bridge Thursdays'.

### Opening times:

10.00pm - 2.00am - **Mon**

10.30pm - 3.00am - **Thurs, Fri,**

**Sat**

**Closed - Tues, Weds, Sun**

Find out more [here](#).

### Plush

In the heart of central Oxford, Plush is an LGBTQ+ bar and club which has newly relocated to Frewin Court, just off the pedestrian-only Cornmarket Street. Enjoy your favourite drinks in a safe, glittery environment and pop next door for your late-night McDonalds at the end of your night.

### Opening times:

9.00pm - 3.30am - **Thurs, Fri,**

**Sat**

**Closed - Mon, Tues, Weds, Sun**

Find out more [here](#).

### UNiDAYS

Sign up with your SAE email address to benefit from discounts on all your favourite brands with UNiDays. Students can contact their SEO for a Certificate of Enrolment if they have any issue signing up.

Find out more [here](#).

### Free trial: Noiiz

SAE students are eligible for a three month free trial of Noiiz, the world's most powerful connected plugin with unlimited modules, sounds and instruments.

**Register** for your free trial now.

### Student Beans

Download the free Student Beans app and get instant access to top and exclusive discounts from your fave brands. Whether you're eating out, shopping online or on the high street, you'll have access to the latest student offers instantly on your phone.

Find out more [here](#).

### Student Support

#### Student Experience Officers

Our Student Experience Officers are able to offer SAE students a free and confidential student advice service.

Student Experience Officers are here to assist you with your assessments, particularly with essays and presentation skills. If you have questions regarding the subjects you are studying they will be able to direct you to the relevant lecturers for assistance and can also suggest suitable reading.

If you are struggling to manage your assignments, or want a fresh pair of eyes to read over that all important essay, then a Student Experience Officer should be your



## SAE Student Discounts

### SAE Student Store

Our students get lifetime access to the SAE Student Store, where they can get exclusive discounts on a whole host of industry-related products and software from big brands such as Apple, Adobe, Ableton, Nugen and Softube.

Find out more [here](#).

first point of contact.

When your course begins, if necessary they can create a Student Support Plan to assist with your studies.

If you have listed a learning disability on your application our support officers will arrange a meeting during enrolment and induction to discuss any assistance that you may need during your studies.

“I’m so excited to meet you all! As a student at SAE Oxford, you will receive first class creative media tuition and life skills making you a more productive, happier and skilled professional, ready to take on the challenges that await. Your journey starts here.”

**Jon Jang, Student Experience Officer, SAE Oxford**

## Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA)

As a higher education student living in England, you can apply for a Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA) if you have a:

- **disability**
- long-term health condition
- mental health condition
- specific learning difficulty, such as **dyslexia**

The support you get depends on your individual needs and not on income.

Find out more [here](#).

## The boring bits

### Water, Gas, Electricity and Wi-fi

Some types of accommodation will factor the costs of gas, electricity, water and wi-fi into your rent, and for others it will be separate, so make sure you ask the landlord

before you sign the tenancy agreement so you know what you need to budget.

You may have to use a card or fob for the electricity and gas that you can top up at certain local shops and newsagents. At other properties the gas, electricity and water will be metered and you can pay for what you use via direct debit or one off payments.

In some situations it will make more sense to share bills for lighting and heating with other tenants, but make sure you agree beforehand on how the costs are to be shared.

Usually when you move in to a rented property the suppliers contact you directly to set up an account in your name and they ask you to provide them with meter readings to ensure they are charging you the right amount.

You should expect to spend around £40-50 a month on water/gas/electricity (dependent on usage) and your wi-fi bill can vary depending what speed you opt for and how many people you are sharing a house with.

### Council tax - student exemption

In the UK most people over the age of 18 have to pay a charge for local community services, such as the police, fire brigade, rubbish collection and leisure services, and this is called Council Tax. If you are a full time student then you should not have to pay this tax.

If you are a full-time student and receive a letter stating that you owe council tax don't panic - you can **apply for an exemption**. The Student Experience Team can provide students with an exemption letter.

